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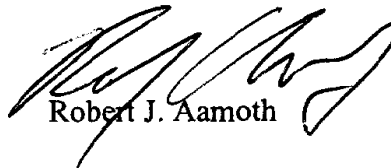
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commissions
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW -A 325
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Re: IB Docket Nos. 02-324, 96-261

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited ("VSNL"), I am submitting the original affidavit in support of the letter filed with the Commission by VSNL in the above-referenced proceedings on June 28, 2004. Please substitute this original affidavit for the fax copy that was attached to the June 28, 2004 letter. Please contact the undersigned attorney should you have any questions.

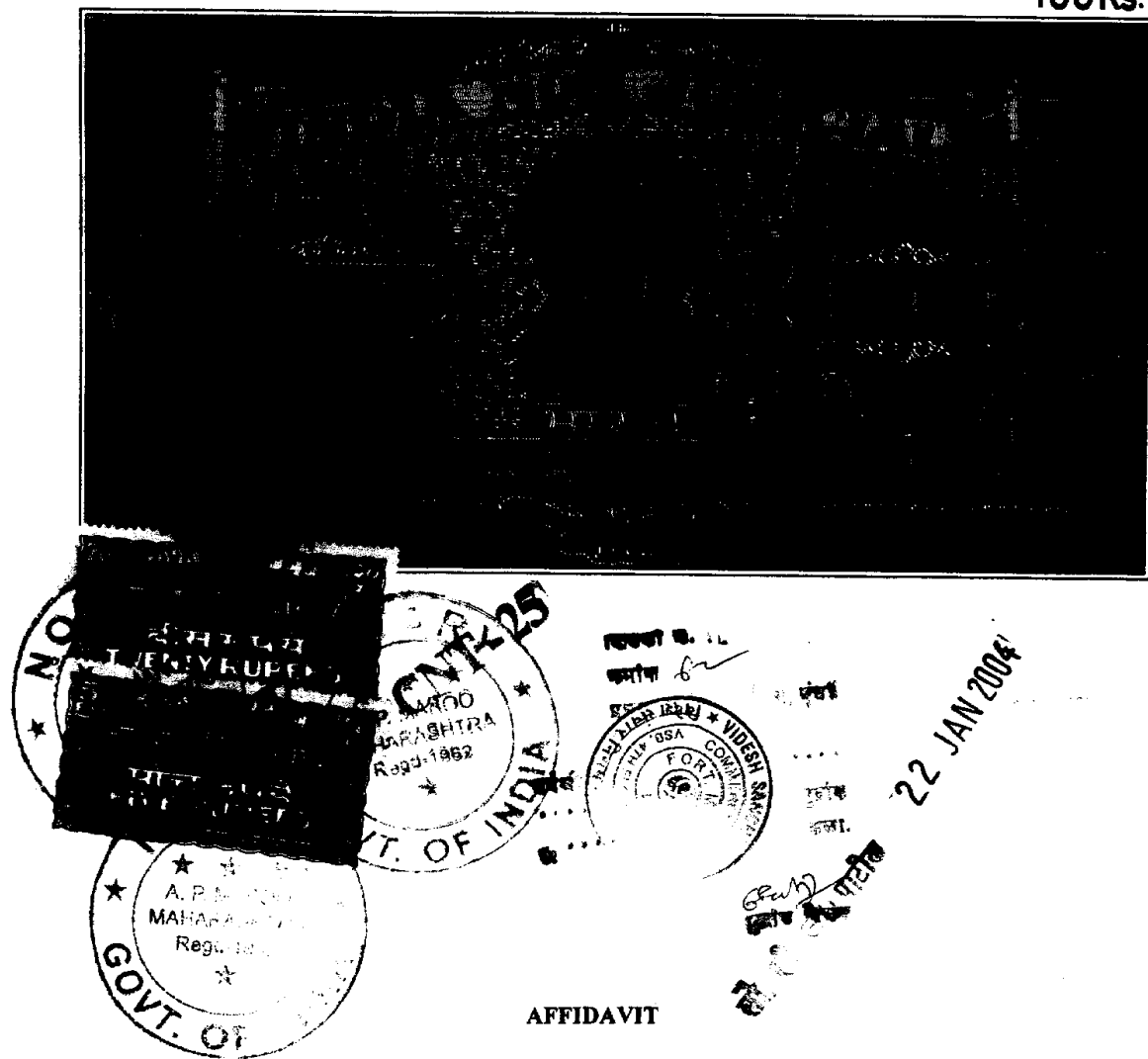
Sincerely,


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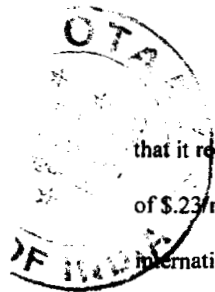
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My name is Arun Gupta, and I am Vice President and Head (Wholesale Business) for Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited ("VSNL"), a telecommunications carrier in India. I am submitting this Affidavit to the Federal Communications Commission in IB Docket Nos. 02-324 and 96-261 regarding whether the U.S.-India route is "benchmark compliant." In my position with VSNL, I have personal familiarity with and knowledge of the rates at which VSNL terminates international switched voice traffic originating in the United States and terminating in India. As such, I can affirm that VSNL terminates 100% of international switched voice minutes

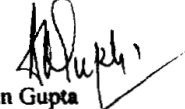



that it receives on the U.S.-India route at rates that are substantially less than the benchmark rate of \$.23/minute (US). In addition, I estimate that VSNL's share of the (lawful) terminating international switched voice market in India is in the range of 40-45% on the U.S.-India route.

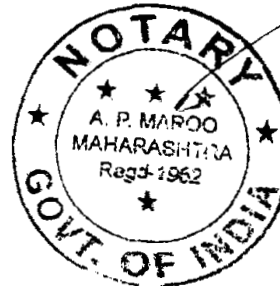
Furthermore, given my position with VSNL, I have familiarity with the termination rates charged by other licensed carriers in India, and I can affirm that such rates also are below the benchmark rate of \$.23/minute (US). I am not aware of any carrier in India (licensed or otherwise) that terminates international switched traffic on the U.S.-India route at a rate that is equal to or higher than the benchmark rate of \$.23/minute (US).

Executed this 28th day of June, 2004.


By:


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